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Subject: I beleive that the proposed settlement does not create a more com petitive environment.

Dear Department of Justice,

The proposed settlement with Microsoft does not protect the consumer, and it certainly does not create an environment that advances competition. Out of the many companies that were destroyed by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior, (such as Netscape, Ashton-Tate, and Wordstar) none of them can be brought back to life. Rather, I would hope that any settlement will allow new companies to come back into the arena, and have a chance at a successful business operation. The settlement also does nothing to facilitate the growing field of open source software. Instead, MS has taken open source standards, and attempts to reduce their interoperability with non Microsoft systems. Specific examples of this include Kerberos, and the SMB file sharing protocol.

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